GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.

From the Police Department to Public Works to the Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!





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Mayor Mayer visits U.S. Vision: largest employer here in Gloucester Township.



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We recognize the GTPD and thank them for all that they do for our community.

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HOSTS 18TH ANNUAL BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Mayor David R. Mayer, Township Council and the Gloucester Township Economic Development Corporation proudly hosted the 18th Annual Gloucester Township Business Breakfast on Thursday, May 17th. The Business Breakfast is a highly anticipated event that provides business people with an opportunity to network with their counterparts in the business community and expand their contacts. Representatives from over one hundred businesses gathered on Thursday morning to network, share success stories and discuss opportunities that await for them here in Gloucester Township.

"When I became Mayor in 2010, our nation was trying to figure out the effects of the deepest recession most of us have ever encountered. Instead of being drowned by the wave of the recession, we swam against it and invested in this community," said Mayor David R. Mayer. "Today, we continue to expand economic development by bringing new businesses to Gloucester Township."

The Gloucester Township Economic Development Corporation recognized the 2018 Business Award recipients during the breakfast. Businesses that received awards include: Cotardo's Ristorante, Interstate Commercial, LLC, McCloskey Mechanical Contractors, Inc., and Zallie's ShopRite.



2018 BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS









SMALL BUSINESS AWARD: Cotardo's ristorante

Since 1982 Cotardo's Ristorante has served traditional southern Italian cuisine with homemade recipes and family-run experience that could not be imitated.

As our community evolves and changes, Cotardo's has remained as beloved as ever, and continues to delight customers with weekly specials that reflect the season's cuisine. Come in and try something new or come back and enjoy the flavors that have lasted for over 35 years.

MAYOR'S AWARD: INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL, LLC

Interstate Commercial Real Estate was founded in 1968 and is active on a nationwide basis in the location and development of freestanding, turn-key, single tenant franchise locations for chain stores and franchise operators. ICRE has provided site location and development assistance to a variety of companies for over forty years including locating over 800 sites during this time. In Gloucester Township their projects include: Lidl, Royal Farms, and commercial plazas' facade improvements.

NEW BUSINESS AWARD: MCCLOSKEY MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

McCloskey Mechanical has been a primary leader in the Commercial HVAC and Plumbing industry for 30 years. They've been a top competitor and have worked on many retail, educational, financial, automotive and hospitality projects. Giving back to the community is a high priority for McCloskey Mehcanical. Their employees strive to make a positive impact in our local community, as well as charities around the globe.

HERITAGE AWARD: ZALLIE'S SHOPRITE

ShopRite stores offer their customers the lowest overall prices and the greatest value in the marketplace. Zallie's opened their first location in Gloucester Township in 1973. In September 2007, they opened up a second location on Chews Landing Road. Zallie's ShopRite stores are dedicated to supporting the Gloucester Township community. Their associates are constantly collecting donations and holding events to raise money to support local food banks.

Click to view video presentations of our winners!

Gloucester Township: Proud Home to U.S. Vision



In 1885, opticians William Wall & Charles Ochs opened their first eyeglass store and manufacturing facility in Philadelphia, PA. Their reputation for fine eye wear and superior eye care grew quickly. In the early 1970's, Wall & Ochs became U.S. Vision in response to a growing reputation for quality and the customer base that came with it.

On Tuesday, May 15th Mayor David Mayer, Business Administrator, Tom Cardis, Chief Harry Earle, and Captain Brendan Barton paid a visit to U.S. Vision, located on Harmon Dr. in Gloucester Township. Today, U.S. Vision owns and operates one of the largest optical labs in the United States. Their state-of-the-art, 80,000 square foot laboratory is located right here in Gloucester Township! The U.S. Vision lab, with capacity to produce over 2 million complete pairs of eyeglasses annually, serves optical practices across the United States and Canada.

They are currently one of the largest employers in the Township with 600 employees on-site and over 3200 employees nationwide.

Rescheduled! Walk for Water

Due to today's forecasted weather, the 3rd Annual Walk for Water at Highland High School was rescheduled to Wednesday, May 30th.

3rd Annual Walk for Water

1-Mile Walk/Run (while carrying 2 Water Jugs!)

Help us Bring Clean Water to Uganda



Walk a mile in the shoes of children who travel 8 miles a day, carrying 40lb jugs of water, to survive.

> Highland High School Track Wednesday, May 30th 2018 from 5-7 PM 450 Erial Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012 *Music, Concession Stand, Bounce House, Ice Cream* For more Information Christina cdurante@bhprsd.org



Due to the weather, the 2018 Ride of Silence was cancelled on Wednesday. The Ride has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm at Gloucester Township Community Park.

Mainstage Center for the Arts Auditions!

Encore Middle School Show Choir Auditions



May 20th, 12:00 - 1:00 pm - Mainstage School of Dance, 475 Hurfville-Crosskeys Road, Sewell, NJ Do you know a talented middle school student in Gloucester Township? Encourage them to audition for Encore Show Choir's 2018-2019 season! They are looking for boys and girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade for the Fall of 2018. Come prepared with a short song to sing that best showcases your voice! Also be prepared to learn a short dance for the dance portion of the audition. Any questions or to RSVP, email jean@mainstage.com.

Auditions for The Addams Family Musical

May 17th and 18th, 6:30 pm - Academy Hall, 27 S Black Horse Pike, Gloucester Township, NJ Looking for actors who fit all of your favorite Addams Family characters (ages 12- older adults). More details about what is needed to audition can be found on <u>www.Mainstage.org</u>.



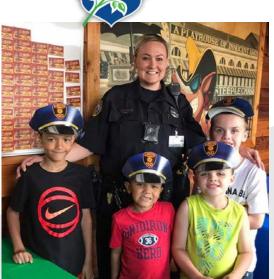


Sunday, May 13 through Saturday, May 19, 2018 is National Police Week, a week dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank the Gloucester Township Police Department for all that they do and for keeping us safe.

On Thursday, May 17th, the Gloucester Township Police Department, with the support of the Gloucester Township Kiwanis Organization, will be holding an Awards Night to recognize employees for their outstanding dedication and service. This special awards celebration is just one of many activities occurring in Gloucester Township during the month of May in honor of National Police Week.

On Tuesday, May 15th, Dr. Joseph Natoli, DMD, handed out dental care package to officers at the police department as a special thanks for their service. In addition, Tuesday night, Texas Roadhouse hosted a Police Appreciation Night to celebrate our officers.



Ptl. Jenn McLaughlin poses with residents at Texas Roadhouse



Dr. Joseph Natoli, DMD gives officers dental care packages

Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at dmayer@glotwp.com

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

David R. Mayer





